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SUBJ: SPARKS FLY AT FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

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1. TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL AND OTHER PAPERS HAVE PUBLISHED  
TRANSCRIPT OF SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRIMIN TRUDEAU AND  
PREMIERS BARRETT (BRITISH COLUMBIA) AND SCHREYER (MANITOBA)  
DURING FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL PREMIERS CONFERENCE APRIL 10.  
BARRETT CRITICIZED TIMING AND PHILOSOPHY OF PROPOSED PAY  
RAISE FOR FEDERAL MPS, CONTRASTING IT WITH FINMIN TURNER'S  
APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS TO HOLD BACK INFLATION.

2. BARRETT: "WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS SENSIBLE; IT  
IS LOGICAL; IT IS REASONABLE; BUT ALL THOSE THREE  
DESCRIPTIONS ARE LIMITATIONS IN SELLING THE PROGRAM.  
YOU CAN'T GO OUT TO PEOPLE AND TELL THEM, 'LET'S  
BE SENSIBLE, REASONABLE AND LOGICAL,' WHEN YOU HAVE  
GOT A SITUATION OF TIMING THAT IS HORRIBLE. YOU HAVE  
JUST PASSED A BIG INCREASE, DESERVEDLY, TO THE MPS.  
THEN WE ARE GOING TO COME OUT IN THE SAME WEEK AND  
SAY, 'NOW GANG, HOLD IT,' AND IT IS NOT GOING TO WASH.  
IT IS NOT GOING TO WASH. THE TIMING COULD NOT HAVE  
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BEEN MORE INAPPROPRIATE.

"NOW, I RECOGNIZE THE MPS SHOULD HAVE GOT AN INCREASE AND I AM NOT GOING AROUND SAYING THAT IT IS HORRIBLE AND I VOTE AGAINST IT OR ANYTHING ELSE. IF ANYTHING, POLITICIANS ARE UNDERPAID. I HAVE SAID THAT PUBLICLY. BUT IS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO GO OUT THERE AND SAY TO THEM, 'NOW LOOK, JOHN TURNER HAS A HELL OF A GOOD IDEA AND IT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE,' AND YOU HAVE SOME YOUNG INDUSTRIAL WORKER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LINE SAYING, 'YEAH, WELL I LIKE THE MPS' APPROACH BETTER THAN TURNER'S.'"

3. TRUDEAU AND SCHREYER THEN HAD EXCHANGE OVER DETAILS AND TIMING OF SALARY INCREASES FOR MPS AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATORS.

4. BARRETT: "LET ME PUT THIS VERY, VERY STRAIGHT. WHEN WE WENT FOR A RAISE IN B.C., I DOUBLED AND I DID IT QUICKLY. BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO PERFORM SURGERY, DON'T HAVE AN EXPLORATORY OPERATION JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS. I THINK YOUR TIMING IS LOUSY."

TRUDEAU: "I MUST SAY THIS IS THE LAST FIELD FROM WHICH I EXPECTED WE WOULD GET THIS KIND OF CRAP."

BARRETT: "WELL, YOU WANT TO EXCHANGE. WE EXCHANGE."

TRUDEAU: "WELL, PERHAPS THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTINUE OVER LUNCH. WE CAN JUST ADJOURN THIS WHOLE CONFERENCE, UNLESS YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION WITH MR. TURNER."

5. THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED FOR PRIVATE LUNCH. GLOBE & MAIL REPORTS FINMIN TURNER SUBSEQUENTLY APOLOGIZED TO PROVINCIAL PREMIERS FOR TRUDEAU'S "OUTBURST." COMMENT SEPTTEL. PORTER

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